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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 536  
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Ralph Potter and the McCallie High School football team on winning the 2001 Clinic Bowl, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize those exceptional athletic teams that work hard, make necessary sacrifices, win championships, and serve as a focal point for school spirit; and

WHEREAS, the great 2001 McCallie High School football team, who won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II Class AAA State Championship, is unquestionably one such excellent squad; and

WHEREAS, despite a very tough schedule, their stellar, undefeated 10-0 regular season included impressive victories over Tyner 38-19, Knoxville Webb 20-0, Notre Dame 39-35, Knoxville Catholic 56-3, Red Bank 18-13, Brentwood Academy 10-3, Baylor 44-13, Memphis University School 21-18, Lincoln County 46-22, and Montgomery Bell Academy 34-21; and

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WHEREAS, after an opening round bye, McCallie beat Christian Brothers High School by an impressive 31-13 margin in the crucial Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association state playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the powerful Blue Tornado then capped their memorable season by defeating traditional power Brentwood Academy 17-16 in the Clinic Bowl, by driving 78 yards in the last two minutes of the game to kick the game winning field goal with seven seconds remaining; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ralph Potter and his Assistant Coaches, Mike Newman, Chris Richardson, Jason Elkin, Kenny Sholl, Troy Kemp, and Roc Evans did an excellent job of molding the team into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Division 2 Player of the Year Keppy Baucon, All-City selections, Chris Bell, Jason Hall and Trey Clark and a talented group of Seniors that included Kirk Wilder, Adrian Craighead, Haddon Kirk, Nick Bradford, Scott Sholl, Claten Bechtol, Michael Wall, Dustin Manning, Campbell Thomas, Ryan Foley, Jed Roebuck, Eamon Thornton, Ryan Banze, Murad Karimi, Chuck Smith, and David Pennington; and

WHEREAS, the team could not have achieved the success it did without the efforts of a talented group of underclassmen that included Juniors, Tye Haeberle, Blythe Grant, Matt Kreis, Ryan Goetz, Ramsey Brock, Daley Smith, T. J. Brooks, Nathan Hutchinson, Wayne Fullam, Tyler Jones, Webb Raulston, John Shanks, Bryan Rayburn, Hugh Huffaker, Cooper Bechtol, Alex Thorn, Tony Jackson, and Dusty Elrod; and Sophomores, Spencer Manley, Taylor Cartwright, Matt Olingy, Ryan Moore, Trey Meyer, Drew Haskins, Ryan Murphy, Tripp North, Colin Crofton, Chip Baucom, Chris Johnson, Jeremy Bradford, Mark Dress, Flynt Rudolph, Parker Baird, Matt Swann, Doug Groesh, Joseph Jordan, Zach Hitchcock, Hayden House, Roupen Berberian, David Scroggins, Patrick Greel, Patrick Sholl, Jason Thorn, and George Hazard; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend a team that has meant so much to their school and to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Coach Ralph Potter and the McCallie High School football team on winning the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II Class AAA State Championship at the Clinic Bowl and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.